

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace paragraph [02] with the following amended paragraph:

[02] This application is related to ~~and claims the benefit of the co-pending applications~~ No. 09/____, 09/921,282, entitled “MANAGEMENT OF VIRTUAL AND PHYSICAL INVENTORIES” (Atty. Docket No. 020366-077210US); No. 09/____, 09/921,294, entitled “PERFORMANCE MODELING IN A VDSL NETWORK” (Atty. Docket No. 020366-077410US); No. 09/____, 09/921,276 entitled “FAULT MANAGEMENT IN A VDSL NETWORK” (Atty. Docket No. 020366-077510US); No. 09/____, 09/921,277, entitled “FAULT MANAGEMENT IN A VDSL NETWORK” (Atty. Docket No. 020366-077520US); No. 09/____, 09/921,283 entitled “PROACTIVE REPAIR PROCESS IN THE xDSL NETWORK (WITH A VDSL FOCUS)” (Atty. Docket No. 020366-077610US); No. 09/____, 09/921,275, entitled “PROACTIVE SERVICE REQUEST MANAGEMENT AND MEASUREMENT” (Atty. Docket No. 020366-077710US), and No. 09/____, 09/921,274 entitled “LINKING ORDER ENTRY PROCESS TO REALTIME NETWORK INVENTORIES AND CAPACITIES” (Atty. Docket No. 020366-077810US), all filed August 1, 2001, the disclosures of which are incorporated herein by reference.